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TO: EMA Coordinators and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Amendments to 29 Illinois Administrative Code 301

As discussed on the May 29, 2020, COVID-19 county call, today IEMA is filing emergency amendments to Part 301 and, at the same time, filing the amendments as a proposed rulemaking. Both documents are attached in draft form for your convenience. The emergency rulemaking will go into effect upon filing and last no more than 150 days. The proposed rulemaking will begin the First Notice public comment period upon publication in the Illinois Register in approximately two weeks. All current information regarding these two rulemakings will be provided on IEMA's Proposed Regulations website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/laws/Pages/Regs-Proposed.aspx>.

These amendments are designed to provide flexibility for IEMA to assist EMAs with requirements for accreditation in light of the lengthy disaster responses over the last couple years and the cancellation of the 2020 IEMA Training Summit. The key amendments are described as follows:

- 1) Add a provision for IEMA to provide waivers, exemptions, and exceptions for requirements in Part 301: this allows flexibility for IEMA to assist local EMAs as needed when disaster response may interfere with the ability to meet requirements (e.g., training requirements for accreditation);
- 2) Delete limiting time periods for filing requests for waivers for real-life events: this will allow local EMAs to receive exercise credit for the 2019 flood response/recovery and also ensure that requesting credit for COVID-19 response/recovery does not interfere with actual response activities for current disasters;
- 3) Clarify approval process for requests for waivers for real-life events; and
- 4) Amend the term for accreditation to allow for extended accreditation should it be necessary.

The amendments in the emergency and proposed rulemakings are identical except for the inclusion of the extension of certification included in the proposed rulemaking for consistency of requirements.

To prevent ex parte communications, please direct all questions regarding these rulemakings to IEMA Legal at 217-524-0770.